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Friend Garrison=: Eternal vigilance being the price of liberty, I hold it to be a sacred duty ~~to~~ that we owe the slave, to keep before those who are pleading his cause, the positions taken by the religious teachers and preps., speically when they claim to be, par excellence, the "Disciples". "the current Reformation", "the Reformation of the nine=teenth century"! What some of the the things are which characterize this "Reformation", I will briefly state: "Immersion for the remission of sins": "No human Creeds": "The Spirit operates only through the word": Wrong, all wrong to sprinkle one of the slaves in Ky., but not wrong to "devise sell or remove them from the State" & Su Clays Letter; "No human Creeds" to bind, but chains, cords, gags, thumbscrews, with the bloody Knout; are permitted= "The discipline of the Church is the only discipline under which Christian slaves can be placed by Christian masters. If they will not faithfully serve their christian masters, who "partake of the benefit" of their labors, then are they, after proper instruction and admonition, to be separated from the Church and to be put under whatever other discipline a "Christian" master under the existing laws of the state may inflict"! Alexander Campbell in Millennial Harbinger No. 5. of 1845=

I presume no Millennium will be ushered in until af=ter the expatriation of the slaves from Kentucky ac=cording to Henry Clay's plan! Hear Alexander Campbell in his "Millennial Harbinger" (?) for May 1849 in a "tract for the people of Kentucky" on Mr. Clay's Letter; it is worthy of a place in your "Refuge of Oppression". On Page 247 of his "Harbinger" for May 1849 he says:

"I have read with much pleas=ure a recent letter of her most distinguished citizen, one of the most enlightened and eloquent statesmen of the country and age in which we live, setting forth his reasons and his project for ultimately ridding the commonwealth of this great drawback upon her prosperity and happines= Mr. Clay treats this question with the hand of a master as a Sage politician, and on all the points to which he has called the attention of his fellow-citizens, they need no other or more competent adviser"

On Page 248: "That the present existing slave population of Kentucky is perfectly disposable on the part of Kentucky is proved to a demonstration in Mr. Clay's letter". How are the "present existing slave population" "disposable"? the letter referred to, answers; "Until the commencement," says Clay, "of the system which I am endeavoring to sketch, I think all the legal rights of the proprietors of slaves, in their fullest extent ought to remain unimpaired and ~~and~~ unrestricted. Consequently they would have the right to sell, devise, or remove them from the State, and in the latter case, without the latter being entitled to the benefit of emancipation for which the system provides". These champions, one of the "Bible alone", the other of the pistol alone "agree in one" —— plan of expatriation! Hear Mr Campbell again; "It requires no inspired prophet to predict that in some twenty five years on the project submitted, Kentucky would be as free from slavery as Pensylvania or Ohio. And that she would be much enriched by the loss of every slave she possesses is as demonstrable as that a straight line is the shortest possible distance between any two points!! Page 252. "It is no utopian theme that has been offered statesman. Its only fault is that its inclined plane is too long. On that account it will be more practicable, the more popular, and the surer of effect. But it will move more rapidly than many seem to think. It will measurably free Kentucky of this incubus in half the time contemplated, and that without the sacrifice of any real interest"!!! In another connection he says" he has several ten thousands friends and brethren" in that "noble and rapidly improving State", to these he appeals thus, that "Kentucky would be enriched by the loss of every slave she possesses"! Out on such a religion! From some of these churches in Southern Ohio and a few in Virginia in 1845 there was a mission concocted to go on to New England "for the purpose of calling their attention to the ancient gospel" for "scepticism and downright infidelity in Christianity sit like an incubus upon the moral faculties of that investigating people"!! Trust that if the mission should arrive you will give them a hearty welcome in old Faneuil Hall at your New England Anniversary. Yours for the slave

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